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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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## She Talked With D. L. Moody!

On Tuesday morning, November 29, a day after the Sword Conference on Revival and Soul Winning at Chicago which honored the fiftieth anniversary of the death of D. L. Moody, my secretary, Miss Viola Walden, came to me, saying, "Last night I saw D. L. Moody!"

"It was in a dream," she continued. "I dreamed I was doing personal work from house to house, giving out the booklets, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' and winning souls. At one house where I knocked, an old, old man came to the door. He was short and stocky, very old and nearly blind. When I told him that I had come to give him a little booklet and to talk to him about his soul, he replied, 'Then you don't know who I am. I am D. L. Moody!'"

"I was trying to tell D. L. Moody how to be saved, the man who had won a million souls to Christ!"

"He lived alone, forgotten in the little house. Nearly blind, he had no one to read to him, no one to prepare his meals or write his letters or care for his clothes. The man who had been used to bless more people directly than possibly any one man who ever lived, in my dream appeared lonely, forgotten and friendless."

"My heart melted within me. To find D. L. Moody neglected and

forgotten! I came in and offered to help. That day and many days after, in my dream, I came in to read the Bible to D. L. Moody, to write his letters—to help the man who had been used of God to help millions. And then I awoke."

Tears ran down Miss Viola's face as she said, "He was so sweet! I wish I could go and see him, read the Bible to him and comfort him."

It was only a dream. D. L. Moody died in December 1899, and has been fifty years in Heaven. He died at the peak of his great career, in the midst of a great city-wide campaign at Kansas City. When he died he said, "Earth recedes, Heaven opens. This is my coronation day!" Thank God, D. L. Moody does not live forgotten and neglected, half blind and poor, in a little cottage on a back street. And yet for three days my secretary's dream has haunted me and moved me. D. L. Moody forgotten by his friends!

### The Interpretation of the Dream

I pondered why there was such a haunting sense of familiarity in the dream. Why did it seem so real, so true? And I soon became impressed with the fact that the dream is like history. One gen-

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## REPENTANCE AND RESTITUTION

By D. L. Moody

(Born February 5, 1837)

"God commandeth all men everywhere to repent."—Acts 17:30.

Repentance is one of the fundamental doctrines of the Bible. Yet I believe it is one of those truths that many people little understand at the present day. There are more people today in the mist and darkness about repentance, regeneration, the atonement, and such-like fundamental truths than perhaps on any other doctrines. Yet from our earliest years we have heard about them. If I were to ask for a definition of repentance, a great many would give a very strange and false idea of it.

A man is not prepared to believe or to receive the Gospel unless he is ready to repent of his sins and turn from them. Until John the Baptist met Christ, he had but one text, "Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 3:2). But if he had continued to say this and had stopped there without pointing the people to Christ, the Lamb of God, he would not have accomplished much.

When Christ came, he took up the same wilderness cry, "Repent; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 4:17). And when our

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Lord sent out His disciples, it was with the same message, "that men should repent" (Mark 6:12). After he had been glorified, and when the Holy Ghost came down, we find Peter on the day of Pentecost raising the same cry, "Repent!" It was this preaching—repent, and believe the Gospel—that wrought such marvelous results then. (Acts 2:38-47). And we find that when Paul went to Athens, he uttered the same cry, "Now God commandeth all men, everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30).

### I. What Repentance Is Not

Before I speak of what repentance is, let me briefly say what it is not.

#### 1. Not Fear

Repentance is not fear. Many people have confounded the two. They think they have to be alarmed and terrified; and they are waiting for some kind of fear to come down upon them. But multitudes become alarmed who do not really repent. You have heard of men at sea during a terrible storm. Perhaps they have been very profane men; but when the danger came they suddenly grew quiet and began to cry to God for mercy. Yet you would not say they repented. When the storm had passed away, they went on swearing the same as before.

You might think that the king of Egypt repented when God sent the terrible plagues upon him and his land. But it was not repentance at all. The moment God's hand was removed, Pharaoh's heart was harder than ever. He did not turn from a single sin; he was the same man. So that there was no true repentance there.

Often, when death comes into a family, it looks as if the event would be sanctified to the conversion of all who are in the house. Yet in six months' time

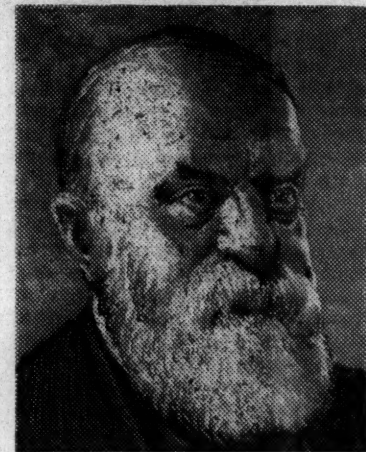
all may be forgotten. Some who hear me have perhaps passed through that experience. When God's hand was heavy upon them, it looked as if they were going to repent; but the trial has been removed—and lo and behold, the impression has all gone.

#### 2. Not Feeling

Then again, repentance is not feeling. I find a great many people are waiting for a certain kind of feeling to come. They would like to turn to God, but think they cannot do it until this feeling comes. When I was in Baltimore I used to preach every Sunday in the penitentiary to nine hundred convicts. There was hardly a man there who did not feel miserable enough: they had plenty of feeling. For the first week or ten days of their imprisonment, many of them cried half the time. Yet, when they were released, most of them would go right back to their old ways. The truth was that they felt very bad because they had got caught, that was all.

So you have seen a man in the time of trial show a good deal of feeling, but very often it is only

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D. L. Moody

## Seeing Men Through Jesus' Eyes

By Evangelist E. J. Daniels

Orlando, Florida

(Sermon preached Thanksgiving day, 1949, at Sword of the Lord Conference on Revival and Soul Winning, Chicago Gospel Tabernacle. Mechanically recorded for The Sword of the Lord.)

This afternoon I have a burden on my heart about the greatest need of every soul winner, the greatest need of every Christian.

Brethren, my honest opinion is that the greatest need of most of us is not to know more about how to win souls; most of us know a lot more than we are doing. It is not that we need to know more about methods, or know more about publicity, or more about prayer, though we need all of that. But it is my honest conviction that what most every one of us needs is more of that driving force within which will cause us to put into operation that which we already know; more of that real burden and that real compassion that the Lord Jesus Christ had for souls.

This afternoon I am not going to say anything new, especially to those of you who are so better able to talk about this than I am; but I do hope that somehow, as we try to catch the spirit of Jesus and see His burden for souls, that we may not necessarily learn something new, but be stirred up to do something about that which we already know. My conviction is that the greatest need of every one of us is to have such a burden for souls, such a love for men and women and for their soul's welfare, that we cannot help but go out and do the things necessary to win them to Jesus Christ. We need to feel as Christ felt about the multitude. If you want to know how that is, you can open your Bible to the 9th chapter

of Matthew and read as we begin in verse 36 where it said:

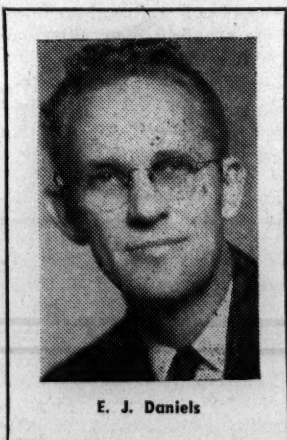
"But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."—Matt. 9:36-38.

This passage tells you—as you have heard again and again, in

sermon after sermon, in both print and from the pulpit—that the Lord Jesus Christ had such a burden over souls that He must be moved with compassion and weep over their need. Brethren, if we are going to be great soul winners—whether it be as individual laymen or evangelists or pastors—we must have the same burden, the same compassion that the Lord Jesus had.

Now just to say that does not bring it about. Many of you know that is so; yet deep down in your soul you know that that compassion isn't there. How are we going to have the burden that Jesus had, the compassion He had? I

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E. J. Daniels

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By the Editor

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## Repentance and Restitution

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because he has got into trouble, not because he has committed sin, or because his conscience tells him he has done evil in the sight of God. It seems as if the trial were going to result in true repentance; but the feeling too often passes away.

### 3. Not Fasting and Afflicting the Body

Once again, repentance is not fasting and afflicting the body. A man may fast for weeks and months and years, and yet not repent of one sin. Neither is it remorse. Judas had terrible remorse—enough to make him go and hang himself; but that was not repentance. I believe if he had gone to his Lord, fallen on his face and confessed his sin, he would have been forgiven. Instead of this, he went to the priest, and then put an end to his life. A man may do all sorts of penance—but there is no true repentance is that. Put that down in your mind. You cannot meet the claims of God by offering the fruit of your body for the sin of your soul. Away with such a delusion!

### 4. Not Conviction of Sin

Repentance is not conviction of sin. That may sound strange to some. I have seen men under such deep conviction of sin that they could not sleep at night; they could not enjoy a single meal. They went on for months in this state; and yet they were not converted; they did not truly repent. Do not confound conviction of sin with repentance.

### 5. Not Praying

Neither is praying repentance. That, too, may sound strange. Many people, when they become anxious about their soul's salvation, say, "I will pray and read the Bible," and they think that will bring about the desired effect. But it will not do it. You may read the Bible and cry to God a great deal, and yet never repent. Many people cry loudly to God, and yet do not repent.

### 6. Not Breaking off Some One Sin

Another thing: it is not breaking off some one sin. A great many people make that mistake. A man who has been a drunkard signs the pledge and stops drinking. Breaking off one sin is not repentance. Forsaking one vice is like breaking off one limb of a tree when the whole tree has to come down. A profane man stops swearing; very good; but if he does not break off from every sin, it is not repentance, it is not the work of God in the soul. When God works, He hews down the whole tree. He wants to have a man turn from every sin.

Supposing I am in a vessel out at sea and I find the ship leaks in three or four places. I may go and stop up one hole; yet down goes the vessel. Or suppose I am wounded in three or four places, and I get a remedy for one wound; if the other two or three wounds are neglected, my life will soon be gone. True repentance is not merely breaking off this or that particular sin.

## II. What Repentance Is

Well, then, you will ask, "What is repentance?" I will give you a good definition: it is "right about face!" In the Irish language the word "repentance" means even more than "right about face!" It implies that a man who has been walking in one direction has not only faced about, but is actually walking in an exactly contrary direction. "Turn ye, turn ye; for why will ye die?" A man may have little feeling or much feeling;

but if he does not turn away from sin, God will not have mercy on him.

Repentance has also been described as "a change of mind." For instance, there is the parable told by Christ: "A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard. He answered and said, I will not" (Matt. 21:28,29). After he had said, "I will not," he thought over it and changed his mind. Perhaps he may have said to himself, "I did not speak very respectfully to my father. He asked me to go and work, and I told him I would not go. I think I was wrong." But suppose he had only said this, and still had not gone; he would not have repented. He was not only convinced that he was wrong, but he went off into the fields, hoeing, or mowing or whatever it was. That is Christ's definition of repentance. If a man says, "By the grace of God I will forsake my sin, and do His will," that is repentance—a turning right about.

Someone has said, Man is born with his face turned away from God. When he truly repents, he is turned right around towards God; he leaves his old life.

Can a man at once repent? Certainly he can. It does not take a long while to turn around. It does not take a man six months to change his mind.

There was a vessel that went down some time ago on the Newfoundland coast. As she was bearing towards the shore, there was a moment when the captain could have given orders to reverse the engines and turn back. If the engines had been reversed then, the ship would have been saved. But there was a moment when it was too late. So there is a moment, I believe, in every man's life when he can halt and say, "By the grace of God I will go no further towards death and ruin. I repent of my sins and turn from them." You may say you have not got feeling enough; but if you are convinced that you are on the wrong road, turn right about, and say, "I will no longer go on in the way of rebellion and sin as I have done."

Just then, when you are willing to turn towards God, salvation may be yours.

I find that every case of conversion recorded in the Bible was instantaneous. Repentance and faith came very suddenly. The moment a man made up his mind, God gave him the power. God does not ask any man to do what he has not the power to do. He would not "command all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30) if they were not able to do so. Man has no one to blame but himself if he does not repent and believe the Gospel.

One of the leading ministers of the Gospel in Ohio wrote me a letter some time ago describing his conversion; it very forcibly illustrates this point of instantaneous decision. He said:

"I was nineteen years old, and was reading law with a Christian lawyer in Vermont. One afternoon when he was away from home, his good wife said to me as I came into the house, 'I want you to go to class-meeting with me tonight and become a Christian, so that you can conduct family worship while my husband is away.' 'Well I'll do it,' I said, without any thought. When I came into the house again she asked me if I was honest in what I had said. I replied, 'Yes, so far as going to meeting with you is concerned; that is only courteous!'"

"I went with her to the class-meeting, as I had often done before. About a dozen persons were present in a little schoolhouse. The leader had spoken to all in the room but myself and two others. He was speaking to the person next me, when the thought occurred to me: he will ask me if I have anything to say. I said to myself: I have decided to be a Christian sometime; why not begin now? In less time than a minute after these thoughts had passed through my mind he said, speaking to me familiarly—for he knew me very well—'Brother

## Dr. Bob Jones Says:

I wish all of you friends who have contributed to the Bob Jones University Student Loan Endowment Fund and all of you friends who have been reading the appeals and feeling just a little guilty because you have not sent some contribution could have been here on Thanksgiving day. It was one of the most impressive occasions in the history of Bob Jones University. In the evening, we had our auditorium crowded to overflowing with our students, faculty, and patrons, many of whom had come a long way to be here. We had a praise service, and students from everywhere thanked God for Bob Jones University and what it meant to them. When I looked out at that crowd of three thousand young people, all of whom are orthodox and active Christians and a majority of whom are training for full-time Christian work (and none of them smoke and they are clean and decent in this age when there is moral looseness all over the world), I had a thrill in my heart that I cannot describe. You Christian people who have invested money in Bob Jones University cannot realize just what a wonderful investment you have really made unless you were here as we are and knew the facts as we know them.

I know many of you Christians at this time are making Christmas gifts, but I want to ask you between now and Christmas to send some amount toward our Student Loan Endowment Fund. Send as much as you can, but send something. If you can make a gift to the Bob Jones University Student Loan Endowment Fund, you will be making a real gift to the Lord Jesus Christ. Remember, we are celebrating His birthday. It isn't our birthday, and it isn't the birthday of our loved ones and friends. It is our Lord's birthday we are going to celebrate. How about making Him a definite gift by sending a contribution to the Bob Jones

University Student Loan Endowment Fund and helping us help some young people that need help to train for full-time Christian service for our Lord. Whose birthday we are going to celebrate on December 25? We are offering you Christian people a real opportunity to make a real Christmas gift that we sincerely believe will do more good to more people in more places than any Christmas gift you have ever made to any cause. We believe you will respond to this appeal and that you will send something toward this Student Loan Endowment Fund. We are getting requests now for next year. Students need help, and they cannot come without it. We are helping some that are coming the second semester. Remember that about seven hundred of the present student body of approximately three thousand had to have some financial assistance to come here this year. Now, help us to help these young people and other young people that we just do not wish to turn away because they are so eager to serve the Lord and desire to get their training in Bob Jones University, where Jesus Christ has the pre-eminent place and where there is an evangelistic atmosphere and where every teacher loves the Lord Jesus Christ and believes the Bible from cover to cover. I could just keep writing, but I am going to stop. We are counting on your helping us with some contribution here at Christmas time. We hope we have a flood of contributions. Do the best you can, but do not be discouraged if you cannot do big things. Do something. Make some gift to our Lord on His birthday by sending a gift to the Student Loan Endowment Fund at Bob Jones University. Thank you and God bless you.

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Charles, will you close the meeting with prayer?" He knew I had never prayed in public. Up to this moment I had no feeling. It was purely a business transaction. My first thought was: I cannot pray, and I will ask him to excuse me. My second was: I have said I will begin a Christian life; and this is a part of it. So I said, 'Let us pray.' And somewhere between the time I started to kneel and the time my knees struck the floor the Lord converted my soul.

"The first words I said were, 'Glory to God!' What I said after that I do not know, and it does not matter, for my soul was too full to say much but 'Glory!' From that hour the Devil has never dared to challenge my conversion. To Christ be all the praise."

Many people are waiting—they cannot exactly tell for what—for some sort of miraculous feeling to come stealing over them, some mysterious kind of faith.

I was speaking to a man some years ago, and he always had one answer to give me. For five years I tried to win him to Christ, and every year he said, "It has not 'struck me' yet."

"Man, what do you mean? What has not struck you?"

"Well," he said, "I am not going to become a Christian until it strikes me; and it has not struck me yet. I do not see it in the way you see it."

"But don't you know you are a sinner?"

"Yes, I know I am a sinner."

"Well, don't you know that God wants to have mercy on you—that there is forgiveness with God? He wants you to repent and come to him."

"Yes, I know that; but—it has not struck me yet."

He always fell back on that. Poor man! He went down to his grave in a state of indecision. Sixty long years God gave him to

repent; and all he had to say at the end of those years was that it "had not struck him yet."

Is any one waiting for some strange feeling—you do not know what? Nowhere in the Bible is a man told to wait; God is commanding you now to repent.

Do you think God can forgive a man when he does not want to be forgiven? Would he be happy if God forgave him in this state of mind? Why, if a man went into the kingdom of God without repentance, Heaven would be Hell to him. Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people. If your boy has done wrong and will not repent, you cannot forgive him. You would be doing him an injustice. Suppose he goes to your desk and steals \$10.00 and squanders it. When you come home your servant tells you what your boy has done. You ask if it is true, and he denies it. But at last you have certain proof. Even when he finds he cannot deny it any longer, he will not confess the sin, but says he will do it again the first chance he gets. Would you say to him, "Well, I forgive you," and leave the matter there? No! Yet people say that God is going to save all men, whether they repent or not—drunkards, thieves, harlots, whoremongers, it makes no difference, "God is so merciful," they say.

Dear friend, do not be deceived by the god of this world. Where there is true repentance and a turning from sin unto God, He will meet and bless you; but He never blesses until there is sincere repentance.

David made a woeful mistake in this respect with his rebellious son, Absalom. He could not have done his son a greater injustice than to forgive him when his heart was unchanged. There could be no true reconciliation between them when there was no repentance. But God does not make these mistakes. David got into trouble on account of his error of judgment. His son soon drove his father from the throne.

Speaking on repentance, Dr. Brooks of St. Louis well remarks: "Repentance, strictly speaking, means a 'change of mind or purpose'; consequently it is the judg-

ment which the sinner pronounces upon himself, in view of the love of God displayed in the death of Christ, connected with the abandonment of all confidence in himself and with trust in the only Saviour of sinners. Saving repentance and saving faith always go together; and you need not be worried about repentance if you will believe.

"Some people are not sure that they have 'repented enough.' If you mean by this that you must repent in order to incline God to be merciful to you, the sooner you give over such repentance the better. God is already merciful, as He has fully shown at the cross of Calvary; and it is a grievous dishonor to His heart of love if you think that your tears and anguish will move Him, 'not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance.' It is not your badness, therefore, but His goodness that leads to repentance; hence the true way to repent is to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, 'who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.'"

Another thing. If there is true repentance, it will bring forth fruit. If we have done wrong to any one, we should never ask God to forgive us until we are willing to make restitution. If I have done any man a great injustice and can make it good, I need not ask God to forgive me until I am willing to make it good. Suppose I have taken something that does not belong to me. I have no right to expect forgiveness until I make restitution.

I remember preaching in one of our large cities, when a fine-looking man came up to me at the close. He was in great distress of mind. "The fact is," he said, "I am a defaulter. I have taken money that belonged to my employers. How can I become a Christian without restoring it?"

"Have you got the money?"

He told me he did not have it all. He had taken about \$1,500, and he still had about \$900.

He said, "Could I not take that money and go into business, and make enough to pay them back?"

I told him that was a delusion of Satan; that he could not expect to prosper on stolen money; that he should restore all he had, and go and ask his employers to have mercy upon him and forgive him.

"But they will put me in prison," he said, "Cannot you give me any help?"

"No, you must restore the money before you can expect to get any help from God."

"It is pretty hard," he said.

"Yes, it is hard; but the great mistake was in doing the wrong at first."

His burden became so heavy that it got to be insupportable. He handed me the money—\$50 dollars and some cents—and asked me to take it back to his employers. The next evening the two employers and myself met in a side room of the church. I laid the money down and informed them it was from one of their employees. I told them the story and said he wanted mercy from them, not justice. The tears trickled down the cheeks of these two men and they said, "Forgive him! Yes, we will be glad to forgive him." I went down stairs and brought him up. After he had confessed his guilt and been forgiven, we all got down on our knees and had a blessed prayer meeting. God met us and blessed us there.

There was a friend of mine who some time ago had come to Christ and wished to consecrate himself and his wealth to God. He had

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think the answer is: by seeing in men what Jesus saw in them. The Scripture says that "when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion." It was because of what He saw in them that caused Him to weep over them.

I want to form an alliteration this afternoon, trying to point out what Jesus saw in the crowds back there that still exists in men and women today. If we could but see it, it would give us the burden that we ought to have for souls. He saw their departure from God, their depravity in sin, their destiny in Hell, and their despair without a shepherd; and seeing these things, "He was moved with compassion on them."

### Their Departure from God

First of all, Jesus saw men's departure from God. The Scripture says: "... they were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd." You know that sheep that are scattered have departed from the fold. They are not where they once were, and they are not where they ought to be. Brethren, today we need to see that men and women have wandered away from God, that they are lost out in the wilderness of sin. The reason we do not have more real heartache and burden for souls is because we do not somehow believe, at least it has not gripped our souls, the realization that men and women are actually lost, without God and without hope.

Our very modern educational system teaches our boys and girls from the time they enter school, that man has not departed from God, that men are not lost in sin, that instead, the very contrary is true. In school they teach boys and girls that man started out as an amoeba and has gradually been evolving and becoming more God-like every day. Whether they come right out and teach the evolution theory in full or not, they at least take them back and show them the cave man and the prehistoric man and they give them the idea that men are gradually becoming more God-like every day, that man has not departed from God, but rather that man is going up the scale. My brother, that subtle, deadly teaching is causing men and women to lose their consciousness of the lostness of human souls. I don't believe one word of it. I don't believe that men are getting more God-like and are going up the scale. Rather, I believe that men are going down the scale, that men were made in the image of God but that they have largely lost that image and have departed from God.

I feel about this whole business like a monkey I heard about down in Sarasota, Florida. A number of us preachers were visiting the Ringling Brothers winter headquarters. We visited around the monkey cage, then several of us went over to one side. Dr. Duke, then pastor of the First Baptist Church of Tampa, stood by the monkey cage, then came over to where we were. He said, "Fellows, I just overheard those monkeys talking!" How he understood their language, I do not know! Anyhow, he said one fellow who seemed to be the leader called the other monkeys around him and he said,

"Look here, monkeys. Do you see those things over there?" (pointing to us preachers). "They call themselves human beings. You know, we have got to stop the

slander these human beings are starting on us monkeys. Did you know they claim that we are their ancestors, and they are our offsprings? It is a disgrace against monkeys for them to talk like that! Why, they do things no self-respecting, decent monkey would ever do."

Then the monkey began to name some of the very things that human beings do, and said, "Now monkeys don't do that; it is a disgrace to say that we do." He said, "Have you ever heard of a monkey going out and getting drunk, then coming home and beating up his wife and babies?"

The monkeys said, "No, we never heard of that."

"Did you ever hear of a monkey going around and cursing and taking God's name in vain?"

"No, we never heard of that."

"Did you ever hear of a monkey putting his future children in debt in order to go out and kill each other?"

"No, we never heard of that."

"Well, human beings do every bit of that. Brother monkeys, we've got to stop that slander."

Instead of going up the scale, we are going down the scale. We have departed from God. I tell you, we are lost out in the wilderness, in the wilds of sin, and we need to realize that, too. Until we can see that men are lost, without God, then, my brother, we are not going to have the real burden to go out after them like we ought to have.

This will illustrate my point. I think I read this story in *The Sword of the Lord* some twelve or fifteen years ago. A little boy and girl went out to look for the cows one evening. They didn't find the cows. Finally night overtook them, and they got in an argument about which way was home. The little girl said it was one way; the little boy said it was the other. Each went his way. Finally the little boy arrived at home after dark. The mother frantically asked, "Where is little Sister?"

"Mama, she said the other way was home, and I couldn't get her to come this way."

Now they knew the little girl would be devoured by the wild animals in the woods at that late hour; so they got the word out and organized a posse to go out in search of the little girl. All night long the women folk came and prayed with the mother, trying to comfort her. As the wolves howled in the wilderness, the mother thought her baby was being devoured. It was understood that if anybody found the child they were to fire a gun.

The next morning about daylight they heard the crack of a rifle. Everybody rushed into the home. The little girl had been found, not dead but alive. The story was that because the little girl was found the men put their arms around each other and wept as if they had been tenderhearted women. They went to the church and rang the bell. They didn't go to their farms nor their stores that day, but stayed together and sang doxologies and praises unto God, for that little girl which was lost had been found.

The preacher telling the story said that as he sat there in that audience this thought came to him: if that little girl had died, she would have gone straight to Heaven. And yet here are multitudes of people in this community lost, without God, and we are not concerned, we are not burdened,

we are not going out and spending all night in search of these lost souls.

That is the truth before God. If a little girl in America were lost, the headlines of the newspapers would tell about that little girl. Yet, my brother, today we have got to find 6,000 souls in a city and put a lot of showmanship in it to boot even to get a story in the newspaper about a revival. We need to realize that men and women about us are lost, without God. We need to have the burden that Jesus had.

I wonder if we are as concerned as we ought to be? If some girl or boy were lost in your community, dear pastor friend, would you not do everything you could, throw every ounce of energy you have in an effort to find that girl's body or that boy's body? Yet there are hundreds, perhaps thousands, of souls lost, without God in your community. How much are we doing to try to win them to Jesus? How much real burden, real concern, do we have over the lostness of human souls? God help us to see it!

### Their Depravity in Sin

Not only did Jesus weep because of peoples' departure from God, but because of their depravity in sin. The Scripture says that they were as sheep that had fainted. The idea of fainting does not express physical exhaustion as much as it does spiritual malady. The idea is that they were sin-sick. We need today a new evaluation and a new appreciation of the depravity of the human soul and the sin-sickness of men and women. We somehow have lost that. We do not believe it any more.

When I was pastor at Fairfield, Alabama, we used to have prayer meeting on Wednesday night. I would ask my people to give us their petitions, their prayer requests, the things for which they wanted us to pray. I was startled at the petitions my good church gave. It was supposed to be one of the leading churches of the south. It led the state of Alabama year after year in baptisms. Yet this is about the way they went: ninety-five to ninety-eight per cent of all the petitions had to do with physical ills, seldom ever any of them spiritual ills. Somebody would get up and say, "Brother Daniels, Mrs. Smith has gone to the hospital. I wish you would pray for her." Somebody else would get up and say, "Brother Jones is in the hospital. I wish you would pray for him." Somebody else would get up and say, "Brother Snodgrass has the toothache. I wish you would pray for him." It wasn't quite that ridiculous, but they would pray about every physical need under God's Heaven, and yet seldom ever did anybody get up with tears in their eyes and with a broken voice, sobbing and saying, "Brother Daniels, I've got a neighbor, I've got a friend; I want you to pray that this loved one of mine might be saved."

I tell you, people do not realize that souls are sin-sick. Why, when an epidemic of polio comes, or an epidemic of some other kind comes, everybody gets up in arms and they would do anything in the world to stem that. But lost people are afflicted by an epidemic of sin that is more deadly than polio ever could be; yet you cannot get Christian men and women interested. I believe we will never have a great revival in any church of any country until we can sell men and women on the fact that every human soul that has not been born again is cursed with the awful malady of sin and except that one be born again by the Spirit of God and redeemed by the blood, he is going down to a Devil's Hell. Even we preachers need to realize how lost human souls are and how sin-sick they are.

### Their Destiny, Hell

In the third place, Jesus wept because of peoples' destiny, Hell. Now that isn't directly brought

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## She Talked With D. L. Moody!

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eration kills the prophets of God. The next generation builds them monuments and pays great lip-service to them while they go about killing their own generation of God's prophets. Remember that Jesus said to the Pharisees:

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, And say, if we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets."—Matt. 23:29-31.

These Pharisees who paid such honor to the prophets who were dead, went about to kill the Son of God.

And today many of the people who talk the loudest about D. L. Moody openly fight the things for which D. L. Moody himself stood.

D. L. Moody's own son gave Moody's Northfield Conferences and Northfield Schools into the hands of the modernists who deny every essential that Moody preached. The son wrote that if Moody were alive today, he would probably be a modernist! A well-known Christian man, a graduate of the Moody Schools at Northfield, Massachusetts, told how few students even know who was the bearded stranger whose old-fashioned picture hangs there. Friends of D. L. Moody soon took out of his schools the doctrines so precious to Moody, of the fullness of the Spirit or the baptism of the Spirit for soul-winning power and testimony, to be gained by waiting on God in believing, obedient prayer. The loud-spoken friends of Moody soon looked with distaste upon the mass evangelism of Moody, Chapman and Torrey. They began to decry the teaching of repentance. Evangelists, they said, must never preach against sin—that was out of their province. Personal soul-winning work in a congregation, they said, was fanatical and did more harm than good. Those who professed themselves to be the very best friends of D. L. Moody had, published books declaring that evangelists themselves were "a false force in evangelism;" that evangelists were never intended in the Bible to be more than missionaries in unevangelized areas; that evangelists usurped a place not intended for them when they set out to revive Christians and rebuke sin; that the public invitation to accept and confess Christ openly, really involved a false plan of salvation by works and that evangelists who use the public invitation do so primarily to get visible and apparent results and do it for the sake of money! The above are carefully-culled statements, accurately reporting the teaching of Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer's book, so-called *True Evangelism*, pub-

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out in the Scripture, but I am positive with that futurist eye of His, Jesus looked out there and saw where they were going to spend eternity and He saw them as they, like the rich man, began to cry out in Hell: "Send water! that my tongue may be comforted, for I am tormented in this flame." Brethren, the Son of God could not help but weep when He realized where men were going to spend eternity.

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Now no good Christian can be found to openly repudiate D. L. Moody. But actually it turns out that the real Moody is forgotten—the Moody of mass evangelism, the Moody who preached so sharply on secret orders and drunkenness, who so pointedly chastised Christians for not winning souls! The Moody who preached so strongly on sowing and reaping, who insisted that men stand up boldly in his service claiming Christ as Saviour, the Moody who insisted that mass evangelism was the very life-blood of New Testament Christianity, the Moody who preached and had R. A. Torrey preach again and again on the baptism of the Holy Spirit as an endowment of power for service—that Moody is neglected and unknown by his professed friends today.

### Let Us Honor D. L. Moody Again

Moody died fifty years ago this coming Christmastime. Let us honor this man who so greatly honored God by coming back to his simple, old-fashioned gospel, his teaching, his methods. Let us honor again the mass evangelism that he taught and practiced, his emphasis on the Holy Spirit and the endowment of power from on high. Let us set Christians again to winning souls as the greatest business on earth. Let us lay all on the altar as Moody did and seek and find the mighty power of the Holy Spirit which made Moody, the unlearned countryman, the greatest preacher and soul winner of his century!

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## Seeing Men Through Jesus' Eyes

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you it ought to move me to do something about it. I am here to say to you that we need to get the truth of Hell in our hearts as well as in our heads. We say we believe it in our heads, but in the name of God, we don't act like it in our hearts.

I agree with Dr. Rice: is it right that only one or two should have the burden to try to stir a nation to come back to God? If men and women are lost, if men and women are Hell-bound, if Hell is what the Bible says it is, then everyone of us ought to give ourselves wholeheartedly to one job, and that job is keeping men from going to Hell. I want you to know that I believe in Hell. That is the reason I can kiss my family goodbye and go up and down the land, lonely in hotel rooms, giving my very best. I believe that men are going to Hell. I believe this is the day of salvation, but it may end tonight; and if we don't keep them out of Hell, then they are going to burn forever and forever and ever.

Do you honestly believe in Hell? Honestly, do you? Do you believe in it in your head or in your heart? I heard a story that illustrates what I mean. It said that two boys grew up together. One of them became an infidel lawyer, the other a Baptist preacher. The infidel lawyer became quite wealthy, so he invited this preacher friend to come and spend a couple of weeks with him in his mountain home, to hunt and fish. The preacher, knowing this lawyer was an infidel, didn't want to insult him, so he didn't say anything to him about his religion.

Finally the day came for the preacher to leave. The lawyer drove him to the train. As they were driving along, the infidel engaged his friend in a conversation. He said, "Bill, you haven't said much about religion, but I understand you are a preacher. Is that right?"

"Yes, that's right."

"I guess you believe like all other preachers do?"

"Well, I'm an orthodox minister; I believe the Bible."

"I guess you believe everything in the Bible is so?"

"Sure I do."

"I guess you believe that this Man Jesus is the Son of God?"

"I believe that."

"I suppose you believe that He died to save fellows like me from sin?"

"Sure I believe that."

"I guess you believe there is a place called Hell, where men who do not believe on Jesus are going and burn forever and ever and ever. Do you believe that?"

"Yes I believe that."

The lawyer said, "It is a lie! You don't believe anything of the kind." He said, "If I believed you were dying and going down to a place to burn forever, I would not stay in your home two weeks without trying to win you to God. I would crawl on my hands and knees, from where I am to where you live, in order to win you to Christ."

My brother, today the lost people of our neighborhood and the lost people of the world have a right to wonder whether or not we who claim to know God absolutely believe in Hell. If we believe in Hell, how on earth can we be as indifferent as we are toward the lostness and the sin-sickness of

human souls that are going out without God and without hope?

Whether you believe in Hell or not, it is in the Bible, and this is the Word of God. This same Bible that talks about the eternity of Heaven, talks about the eternity of Hell. Whether you like it, whether you believe it or not, your own sweet son or daughter, without being born again, is going down to Hell and burn forever and ever. That being so, in the name of God—whether you be a farmer, whether you be a preacher, whether you be an evangelist or pastor—I say to you, the biggest business on earth is saving men from Hell.

We had a girl in our meeting in Jamestown to come out to be a missionary. She is now nursing in a hospital in a town about thirty miles away. She has a lot of wicked associates, so she wanted to move into the town and get a job at the hospital until Northwestern Schools' second semester opens up in January. She went to see the hospital authorities about it. When she told the head nurse she was going to be a nurse, only a few weeks because she was going to Bible school, this head nurse reproved her. She said, "Why, you are crazy! You are a fool! Why don't you give yourself to doing something important—nursing sick bodies, instead of this tommyrot about souls? And what are you going to do when you get to be a Bible student?"

She said, "I am going to be a missionary."

"What are you going to do then?"

"I am going to try to get souls saved."

This dear lady who seemed to know everything said, "Well, what are you going to do then? This getting them saved is a very minor part on God's program."

I want to tell you, it is NOT a minor part! If men and women are lost and dying and going to Hell, one of the biggest, if not the biggest thing in all the world is saving men from Hell. Unless we believe that men are lost, then we are not going to pay the price needed to go out after souls.

### Their Despair Without a Shepherd

The fourth reason why the Son of God wept over the multitude was because He saw their despair. They were as sheep without a shepherd. Think about it a moment. The Jews had organized efforts to get men. They were supposed to be God's representatives, and yet Jesus stood there and said in substance, "The lost people 'round about have nobody to win them to God. The Jews don't care! All they are interested in is building up their synagogues and building up their temples and building up their religion. They don't care whether or not souls go to Hell."

You say, "Daniels, that is terrible, isn't it?" Yes, but I will tell you what is worse than that. Don't misunderstand me; I am not one to criticize preachers. God knows that is so. I love them with all my heart. But preachers know I am telling the truth. If the Son of God came to the average community today, in spite of all our Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian and all the rest of our churches, He would stand up and weep and say, "There is nobody who really cares for souls any more." I am sorry to say that we are usually more interested in building our denominational programs than we are in saving lost souls from Hell. It just breaks my heart wide open. I belong, I think, to one of the greatest denominations, Southern Baptists, and I believe in it; but listen, it breaks my heart some-

times when I think how even some of our Southern Baptists are seemingly more interested in building a program than they are in winning souls. The question now is not whether or not you are winning souls, but whether or not you are for the program and for the denominational set-up. I believe in independent denominations. Methodists ought to be Methodists, Baptists ought to be Baptists, Presbyterians ought to be Presbyterians. But I say to you, I don't care what you are, my brother, the biggest thing for all of us ought to be to save men from going to Hell. Today the Son of God must be weeping in Heaven because there are so few people down here who care for souls.

Let us imagine Jesus comes down and visits one of your churches. He stands up there and starts crying as He looks out over your town from your church steps.

You step up and say, "Jesus, what's the matter?"

"I'm weeping because this town in Tennessee, Mississippi, South Dakota, or whatever it is, doesn't have a Shepherd."

"Now, Jesus, wait a minute. You know I love souls and I—"

"Yes, I know that, pastor, but I never intended for you to do all the soul winning. You are just the captain of the Army to rally the forces. I expected you only to lead them. You are to win souls, but you cannot win them all, brother! I didn't intend for you to do it. What about these members of your church? The main business of the church, my bride, is to give birth to babies! What about the church? What is it doing?"

I can imagine a pastor answers: "Well, now, Jesus, you know we have a Sunday School, and our Sunday School is our reaching agency. We come together every Sunday morning and we teach the lesson!"

Well, is it like some of the Sunday Schools I know about which ninety per cent of the time come together and talk about the social they are to have Friday night, or talk about what Dr. Snodgrass and Dr. Smellfungus and somebody else said about the lesson, but not one thing about Jesus? If it is, it's a Sunday School without a Shepherd.

And you say, "Now, Jesus, we've got a young people's organization. Now, Jesus, they come together and they talk about how to do it!"

But I think Jesus might say, "Are they like some I know about who talk about it every Sunday night, but when they have a chance to do it, they won't do anything about it?"

"Well, now wait a minute, Jesus. We've got a Women's Missionary Union, a Women's Missionary Society. Our women come together and they pray about missions and they give!"

"Wait a minute! Are they like some of the ones I know about, who come together and talk about the poor, dark heathen going to Hell in Africa, but won't speak to the poor, lost heathen in the kitchen? If it is, I wouldn't give two cents for their missionary interests!"

I tell you, the curse of our day is that with all of our organization, with all of our setup, and with all of our program, multitudes of souls in many a well-churched community can die and go to Hell without anybody saying a word to them about Jesus!

Down in Jacksonville, Florida, there was a man in the Main Street Baptist Church who was a cop on the corner for twenty years. His job was to help men to find their way and give directions. He said that during those twenty years he had tens of thousands of people ask him questions. Folks would request this; folks would just wait on him, ask him about help, ask him to direct them here, ask them what about this. Some of them would even ask him the way to go to church. But in those twenty years only one man asked him if he was saved and tried to lead him to Jesus. If that is not a condemnation of our modern church life, my brother, what in the name of God is it when a man can stand on the corner and church folks can ask him where to go to church without asking

that man whether or not he knows how to go to Heaven?

That is exactly what we have today. Today there are sheep without a Shepherd!

Preachers, I am not your enemy; you know that. I was a pastor for sixteen years. I don't mean it that way. What I am saying is that you need help! You need somebody who has a burden for souls to get around and help us lead men to God! If the Son of God visited in your block, would He weep because the lost people in that block haven't had a chance to know about Jesus? I don't care who you are nor how wonderful a soul winner you are, if that is so, you are letting God down. It isn't right that the Son of God should die for lost men in your block and then for you not to say a word to them about Jesus. It isn't right! No wonder He wept when men were not concerned. Oh, today that we will claim to be followers of Jesus, that we would get on the main track of going out and trying to win a lost world to Christ!

### Pray the Lord of the Harvest for Souls to Be Won

Now the last thing that I call to your attention is; the Son of God said to His disciples, "I want you to see what I see. I want you to feel what I feel, and do what I am doing." "Then saith He unto His disciples, 'The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest'" (Matt. 9:37, 38).

You know what He is saying? I think He is saying to this audience at this Sword Evangelism Conference this afternoon, "I would to God that you would look upon the lost of your community. See them through My eyes. See them as I see them, feel as I do about them, then go out and do something about it."

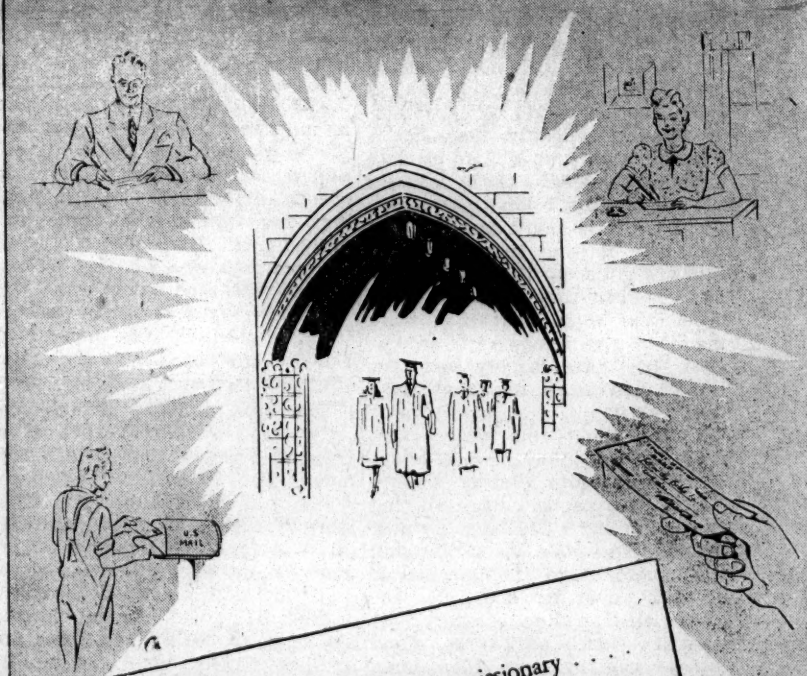
My dear brethren, do you want me to tell you when a revival is going to break out in America? When papers and other organizations like THE SWORD OF THE LORD get God's people in America burdened enough that we are concerned about souls. The reason I brag on this paper and want men to subscribe to it is because I have sense enough to know that we will never have a revival, we will never have souls won until men have a burden for souls. It is mighty important to create that burden. God help us this afternoon to see souls through the eyes of Jesus and feel as He would feel, then to go out and do something about it. I think that Jesus is saying that we ought to have enough burden that we would get down on our knees and pray God to send somebody into the harvest! In other words, we ought to care enough to pray enough.

I don't know everything, but I think I have learned a few things in these years of evangelism. My honest opinion as to why we aren't doing more praying is simply because we don't care more. I never in my life had to beg a mother to pray for a dying child. I never

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## What Is Modernism?

By the Editor

We have a letter from a good pastor saying, "Here is a request, if you feel the need, and urgency of meeting it. I have read articles in your paper, and also in your books about the danger of modernism. I feel that way exactly. However, I am ignorant of just all the points of modernism. Why can't you point out that a little more completely, for our benefit."

My answer to this brother may be helpful to others. So I give it here.

"Dear Brother Y—

"Your letter of October 17 is before me, and I should like particularly to answer your request for further information about what modernism essentially is. Modernism is a synonym for liberalism, rationalism, or infidelity concerning the Christian doctrine, the essential doctrines of the Bible. A modernist holds the same position as the infidels of fifty years ago held. Modernists are simply unbelievers, infidels, who are trying to take over the churches to have the jobs, the honors and the leadership which before were earned by godly Christian men.

"A modernist may believe that the Bible is a good book, may even believe that some of it is a revelation from God. He does not regard it as the infallible Word of God, true in every particular, and most modernists do not regard it as supernatural at all, just simply a good book and the record of the religious experiences of good men.

"A modernist does not believe that Jesus Christ is the virgin-born Son of God, very deity. The modernist believes that Jesus is a good man, perhaps the best man who ever lived, but usually does not believe in the virgin birth or bodily resurrections, the miracles, and the incarnate deity of Jesus Christ.

"The modernist does not believe in a supernatural new birth, regeneration by the power of God. The modernist instead believes in developing a good character.

"The modernist does not believe in the atoning and substitutionary value of the death of Christ, that Christ took the place of sinners and paid for a sinner's debt of sin. Rather, the modernist believes that Christ, the good man, set us a good example, and that we should follow after Jesus but not depend on His shed blood to save us.

"Naturally, since the modernist does not believe the Bible, he does not believe there is a Hell for sinners.

"Again I say that a modernist is not a Christian, but an infidel in the church pretending to be a Christian, in order to have the salary and honor that goes with Christian leadership, without actually being a Christian.

"You mention the effort to have the divided chancel in churches of your denomination. When modernism creeps in there is a tendency to more and more formalism and ritual. So, some churches, instead of having the pulpit as the center of interest in the church auditorium, for the preaching of the gospel, have a worship center, or an altar like Catholics, and the services take more and more a ritualistic form, instead of the people gathering to hear the Word of God. I could not say that all who wanted a divided chancel are modernists, but it is not a good tendency to have formalism invade the churches and have formal worship services.

"I am glad to have your letter and pray God's blessings upon you.

"In the Saviour's name, yours,  
"John R. Rice"

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had to beg a mother to pray whose daughter was mangled in an accident. What we need is to realize the truth about human souls to the extent that it would drive us to our knees in deep agony for souls that they might be saved! I tell you, until we get that kind of praying in our efforts for God, we are not going to do much. If I've learned anything as an evangelist, I have learned where there is much praying, there is much power and much fruit. Where there is no prayer, there is no power and no fruit. You get men and women to praying, you are going to have something happen. And God wants us to pray for souls! I could give you a dozen illustrations.

Some time ago I was over in Osawatomie, Kansas, in a revival. They had previously had a modernistic preacher there at one time in that First Baptist Church. Brother, modernism is the blight of Christianity, curses and damns wherever it goes. They now had a good new fundamental man from the Moody Bible Institute as pastor. He loved the Lord, and he believed the truth, but the church had a bad name in the community. Lots of folks did not have any confidence in it because of its former modernism. We were having the building packed, and we were having souls. But on the last Friday night, when I had hoped we would have twenty-five or thirty saved, we had only two or three. It just broke my heart. I

said, "Audience, we're going to have an all-night prayer meeting." (I learned that from Dr. Rice, when he was with me at Fairfield, Alabama. I have never gotten away from it yet. Sometimes you need to pray all night.) I said, "We're going to have a prayer meeting. We're going to stay here all night or until God so definitely says the answer is coming that everyone of us will agree on it."

Thirty-five of us started praying about ten o'clock at night. About eleven o'clock I heard this petition creeping in. One after the other began saying, "O God, wake somebody up like you awoke the Philippian jailer. Help him cry out, 'What must I do to be saved?'" It was spontaneous, as the Spirit led. We kept on praying. About one-thirty or two o'clock in the morning everybody had a quiet peace about it. They said, "God has answered. We're going to have victory and so we are going home, but we are going to keep on praying and trusting God."

We did go home. About three o'clock in the morning my telephone rang. A young man cried and said, "Rev. Daniels, would you come over here and talk to me?" I thought he was drunk—it is so rare to have a man call and want to be saved.

I said, "Sure, I'll be glad to come. Are you a Christian?" That was the way I was getting around to finding out his trouble.

"No, I'm not. That's what I want to talk to you about."

I said, "Where do you live?"

He tried to explain it but I didn't understand it. He said, "I'll come around if you want me to."

I said, "Hurry on. I'll be waiting for you."

I turned the light on in the living room in this home where I was staying. About ten or fifteen minutes later the young man came. I could tell that tears had been coursing down his cheeks. His eyes were red; he had been weeping. He was deeply under conviction when he came in. It

wasn't hard to lead him to Christ. In about thirty minutes he had made a glorious surrender to the Lord Jesus Christ.

When it was all over I said, "Young man, I don't understand one thing. Why did you come around here? In this day it is unusual to have a man call you at that hour in the morning. Have you been attending my revival?"

"To tell you the truth, I haven't been to a service, but the lady with whom I board comes in every night and tries to preach the sermons over to me. To tell you the honest truth, they bored me, too." Not too flattering, but that is what he said! "I didn't like it. I resented it, but I was staying with her and I had to be

nice. She would tell me what you had said. Last night she didn't come in. I knew why. She was down there praying. I went to bed last night, but about eleven o'clock I woke up and I didn't know what in the world was wrong with me. All of a sudden I began to see that if I didn't get saved right then, I was going to Hell. I had never felt like that before. I didn't know what was wrong. I stayed in bed for awhile; then got up and said, 'I'm not going to be like this.' A snowstorm was on, but I got out and walked around. I came back and went to bed, but I still couldn't sleep. I actually sobbed. I got up and turned on the light. I saw a Bible. I think the lady had slipped it

into my room. I got it and began to read it. At three o'clock this morning the lady, seeing my light on, and thinking I was sick, got up and came and knocked on the door. Then she saw me crying, and said, 'What's wrong?' I told her that I didn't know what was wrong. She asked me to come and see you. I don't know what in the world happened, but I'm glad I came!"

I said, "Young man, I know what happened. Last night at eleven o'clock—you say that's when you woke up under conviction—yes, exactly at eleven o'clock last night, God's people began to cry out one after the other, saying, 'O God, wake some-

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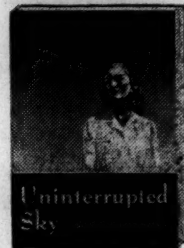
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With the *Evangelists*

Reports From America's Outstanding Soul Winners  
By the Editor

Here are good words from many revivals where God has been blessing and saving souls.

From Rev. Max T. Wiant, pastor, comes word of a good revival campaign some months ago at Cross Mills Baptist Church, Charlestown, R. I., led by Evangelist Bob Lang of Greenville, South Carolina. The pastor says that the results of the campaign become more and more evident, as the results in transformed lives are known. He says, "Brother Bob has a ministry that is wholesome, sane, Biblical, and Spirit-filled."

We are glad to have this good word about Evangelist Bob Lang. He is a graduate of Bob Jones University, sound in doctrine, attractive and talented.

Evangelist F. A. Wirth, 221 S. Main St., Petersburg, Illinois, writes of good revival services at Shell Rock, Iowa, and Sunbright, Tennessee. At the time of writing he was at Belmond, Iowa. Many have been saved in his recent meetings, with some very remarkable conversions. He is loyal and sound and fervent.

Methodist Evangelist Joseph Brookshire, of 116 Forest Ave., Lexington, Kentucky, reports blessed revivals in Delaware, at Centenary Methodist Church of Laurel and St. John's Methodist Church in Seaford, Delaware. He had about one hundred converts, ninety rededications, forty-four families beginning family altars, thirty-eight additions and fourteen young people surrendered to full-time service, are results reported in these good revivals.

Evangelist J. Oscar Wells, of THE SWORD OF THE LORD Staff of evangelists, Rt. 7, Lubbock, Texas, had a blessed revival at Harbor Springs, Michigan, the pastor, Rev. Richard C. Halter writes. Thirty-four were to be baptized at one time and the pastor praises God for Evangelist Wells and recommends him heartily. Brother Halter says, "Having known him prior to this time and being well acquainted with his evangelistic zeal and burden for souls, we know he would be the right man to conduct our revival. I know that any church that has Brother Wells for meetings will be highly pleased."

There were over eighty professions of faith in Christ and many rededications to the Lord in a revival campaign at the Claim Street Baptist Church, Aurora, Illinois, led by Evangelist Eddie Wagner of 2705 W. 7th St., Little Rock, Arkansas. The pastor, Rev. Humphries, has had a long and blessed work there.

Brother Wagner then held a city-wide meeting in Ft. Atkinson, Wisconsin, with entire families saved and a good time. Brother Wagner recently spoke at the

Chicago Youth for Christ in Moody Church, and is being kept busy for the Lord.

## Evangelist Jesse M. Hendley in Newark, Ohio

We have a fine word from Evangelist Jesse M. Hendley of P. O. Box 600, Atlanta 1, Georgia. He was in Newark, Ohio, in a revival November 4 and said, "He is blessing here in Newark—352 souls in the inquiry room, with 277 conversions the first two weeks. Souls are coming to Christ nightly. God is so good! Oh, for the fullness of the Spirit!"

## Evangelist Eddie Wagner in Good Revival

Pastor Harold W. Powell of the Open Bible Church, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, writes of good revival services in his city led by Evangelist Eddie Wagner of 224 Summit, Little Rock, Arkansas. He says: "Dear Brother Rice: Evangelist Eddie Wagner was with us for two weeks of city-wide revival services October 17-30. The Lord blessed us with a gracious meeting. There were a good number of souls saved and Christians in the community were stirred. Eddie did some great preaching in the power of the Holy Spirit. The power of the Holy Spirit was present in every service convicting sinners and searching the hearts of the Christians. Eddie is doing a great work as an evangelist, he preaches the Word with mighty convicting power. We are looking forward to having him back."

## Pastor Commends Evangelist Joe B. Rice

November 4, Pastor J. Edward Dougherty of Union Hill Community Church, Nixa, Missouri, wrote of Evangelist Joe B. Rice, 1505 N. Boulevard, Edmond, Oklahoma:

"Dear Dr. Rice: The Lord gave us a splendid series of meetings with your Brother Joe as the evangelist. The crowds were the largest we have had, and in the closing service it was necessary to bring in twenty-five extra chairs to seat the people. Several made a public profession of Christ as personal Saviour, and there were some after the services were ended, who came to the Lord. It was also a thrill to the pastor's heart to see how the Christians were revived, and taking a real interest in the salvation of the lost. I especially want to recommend Brother Joe Rice to other pastors. While he is a true evangelist 'at heart,' still he has had much pastoral experience, which is a splendid combination. Brother Rice is a 'hard worker,' preaching every night, speaking on an early morning radio program, and still taking time to go from home to home, dealing personally with

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body up like the Philippian jailer."

I say to you, if God can wake up one man, He can wake up a million men, if we will get on our knees and get right with God! What we need is to care enough to pray enough!

the unsaved. His messages were splendid, filled with the Word, and yet plenty of human interest illustrations, which held the attention of our people every minute of the service. We believe Brother 'Joe' has a real ministry before him in the evangelistic field, and our prayers go with him as he leaves us for other campaigns."

## Evangelist Douglas Winn Busy and Blessed

We are always glad to hear from Evangelist Douglas Winn of Martinsville, Virginia. He is a Spirit-filled, unselfish, hard-working evangelist and strong preacher. Brother Winn writes:

"I know you will rejoice with me over the blessed ten days the Lord gave with Brother Paul Pridgen and the First Baptist Church of North Charleston, South Carolina. There were 49 saved and added to the church and some 70 or 80 Christians came to rededicate their lives to the Lord. Monday night our invitation lasted until ten o'clock. God has richly used Brother Pridgen as this church has a daily half-hour broadcast and is among the ten largest Baptist Training Unions in the south."

"In the meeting preceding this one, the most notorious drunkard in the community was saved in Floyd, Virginia. No one had ever seen him at church before. The night he was converted the church was so crowded that he had to take the only vacant seat which was on the front row. On the first stanza of the invitation he stepped out to receive the Lord Jesus and was at all the remaining services to testify that the Lord had completely removed the desire for drink."

"Please pray for the meetings here in the First Baptist Church of Bloomfield, Iowa, and the six 'Youth for Christ' rallies to follow in six western Pennsylvania cities."

## "481 Decisions" in Jack Shuler Revival, Des Moines, Iowa

Youth For Christ sponsored Evangelist Jack Shuler of Baldwin Park, California, in a 13-day revival at Des Moines in the KRNT Radio Theater. Cy Jackson, Youth For Christ director, writes that 85 churches cooperated, that there were 481 decisions for Christ. God is blessing the Jack Shuler evangelistic party. Jack is serious, dynamic, spiritual, a worthy son of the famous Dr. Bob Shuler of Trinity Methodist Church, Los Angeles. Jack was trained in Bob Jones University and Asbury Seminary. Pray for him.

## Evangelist Carlyle Scott in Great Meeting With Lockland Baptist Church, Cincinnati

Evangelist Carlyle Scott, 713 Whitlock Ave., Crawfordsville, Indiana, has recently had a blessed campaign with Dr. B. H. Hillard, of the Lockland Baptist Church, Cincinnati. The church regularly runs about sixteen hundred attendance in Sunday School. The crowds for revival ran up to two thousand, and there were over two hundred decision for Christ in the campaign, most of whom will be baptized, uniting with the church.

Brother Carlyle Scott thinks this revival is the answer to prayer at Cedar Lake, Indiana, where he was on the program and had part in blessed prayer meetings for revival.

## Evangelist Ralph W. Neighbour Sees 175 Conversions in Jackson, Michigan

We are glad to have a fine letter from Evangelist Ralph W. Neighbour. He says:

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"Just a word to let you know of a great revival we just experi-

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## May God Send Us!

But He not only wants you to pray; He wants you to put feet under your prayers. 'Pray... the Lord of the harvest to send labourers.' I may be wrong in my interpretation; I'm not a Bible scholar like Dr. Rice, but I think He is saying, 'Pray the Lord to send labourers into the harvest.' I think that that prayer means that you will put feet under your prayers, and go out there and do something about it! A mother who prays God to save her daughter but she is too big a hypocrite or too lazy to say a word to that daughter about Jesus, is a hypocrite! Quit praying. If you are going to pray, then get down and do something about your praying. This is illustrated by a story which you have possibly heard.

A woman for years had prayed for a saloon on the corner to be removed, but the saloon stayed there. One day when a colored woman came over to wash for her, this white lady said to this colored sister, "I've been praying so long for that old saloon down there that's been sending folks to Hell; I've been praying for years—every day at a certain hour. Would you pray with me, Mirandy?" They got down and prayed that God would remove the saloon.

The next day Mirandy came back to do the ironing. The very first thing the white lady said was, "Mirandy, Mirandy, I don't understand it! The saloon burned down last night. I've been praying for years, but you prayed only one night and God answered your prayers! How do you account for it?"

She said, "Ma'am, I puts feet onto my prayers!"

I'm not asking you to go out and burn down a saloon this afternoon, but I am saying that if you want a revival, pay the price! That's right. That is exactly what Dr. Rice is trying to get you to do in getting out literature. In other words, if we want men, let us cooperate with God! If we want souls saved and if we mean business, if we mean that we want laborers unto the harvest, then let us put the literature into their hands that will stir them up!

You might as well not pray, "O God, stir up my pastor," if you won't even spend a dollar to stir him up! Bud, save your prayers. God knows you don't mean it. I'm not trying to get subscriptions now, but God knows that is the truth.

We ought to put feet under our prayers. If you want a revival, then you pray, "Here am I, send me." Young people say, "Lord, here am I, send my sister." The majority of missionaries are women. It is a disgrace against God. Why don't you say, "Here am I, Lord, send my brother and my sister and me, too"? Let's say, "Lord, send a revival; don't just send Daniels, don't just send Rice, don't just send Graham, don't just send Keenum—God, send me!" And brother, God will stir up a revival. You don't need us. We might be able to help you, but what you need is to look for the Holy Ghost fire yourself. Pray that God will set you on fire with the Holy Ghost and send you out after souls. You don't need an expert to come; all you need is to spurt up the ex you have and get out after it, and you will do business for God! Brother, there is no church in the land where God Almighty cannot give a revival if there are those willing to pay the price.

I want to close by saying this. This world is dying today and going to Hell. I believe with all my soul that this is the day when we had better get out and get men saved. Whether the Lord Jesus comes soon or not, I know souls are going out anyhow, and if we don't win to God men and women about us today, in the next year millions of souls are going to be in Hell and never will be won. If that is so, there is an urgency about it. We have got to get out and do something about it now.

As I look back over my ministry, one of the things that shocks my soul is that I have let some slip through my fingers whom I ought to have won. At least I

ought to have witnessed to them. Let me illustrate by my first funeral.

When I was a little boy, in my school days I had as my deskmate a little fat boy, Roscoe Lee; we called him "Fattie Arbuckle." Roscoe grew up and became the bootlegger of the town, a storekeeper bootlegger. I went off to study to be a lawyer, then later studied for the ministry. After I surrendered to God's call to the ministry, every time I went back to my home town, God's Spirit seemed to say to me, "You ought to talk to Roscoe. You were his deskmate, and he would listen to you." But I would get busy courting my sweetheart and seeing my parents, and I would go back down to the university not having said a word to Roscoe about his soul.

I was called to the Broadway Baptist Church of Tampa, Florida, October 1930. I did not have a funeral until Christmas. When I got home at Christmastime, the first thing my parents said, "Have you heard about Roscoe?"

"Heard what?"

"He was killed last night. He had a carload of whiskey coming out of West Florida, taking it down for the Christmas holidays. He was intoxicated. He ran into a side of a truck and it took off half of his head."

Brother, I felt a finger point at me, condemning me. I was moody. About an hour later the deputy sheriff, Tom Whitfield, came out to our house. He said, "His people belong to the Methodist church, but they don't have a local pastor. They wandered if you would conduct his funeral. They understood you would be home for Christmas."

I said, "I'll do the best I can."

The next day I sat there in that little Methodist church. His casket was open before me; his head was bandaged. Blood was oozing out at one side. They couldn't fix it up very well. Friends, I don't know what I said, but God knows that I will never get away from what I felt that day. Out of that casket I saw a chubby boy point his finger in my face and say, "You never told me about Jesus. You never witnessed to me about Jesus." When I stand out yonder at that judgment, I will not be there to be judged, but I will be there to see and hear his name called; and I think that as he turns off into Hell forever, he will turn around and cast one look at me and say, "Son, you were so busy looking after your family and courting your sweetheart, you didn't talk to me about Jesus. Here I am going off into Hell to burn forever and forever."

You say, "Daniels, you ought to be ashamed."

I am. How many of you friends have let somebody slip out of your fingers into Hell whom you might have won to Jesus? You might have put some gospel literature into their hands. You might have testified. You might have prayed. You might have won them to Jesus. Souls are dying every day round about us and going to Hell! Have we won them to Christ? Have we tried? What are we going to say, Christians, when we stand at the judgment and see lost men turned off into Hell, ones for whom Jesus died and whom He could save had we only witnessed for Him?

Listen, brethren, how can we spend our time on ourselves when our world today is dying and going to Hell?

Lots of folks say I am a fool. Perhaps I will be on the shelf fifteen years from now, going the rate I am—out of one campaign into another. Maybe I am a fool to wear out, and give every dime. Maybe Dr. Rice is a fool, but listen, how can we do less than to give everything we have when men and women about us today are sinking down into Hell, to burn forever and forever?

My challenge this afternoon is, Don't come to this Sword Conference and go back home to live the same! Come to this conference and get your soul on fire for God and go back home and say, "O God, every ounce of energy I have, every ounce of talent I have, every dime of money I have, I will lay down at the feet of Jesus with which to win to Christ men who are dying and lost and going to Hell. Let us bow our heads and pray."



## How to Save Your Child from Infidel Teachers

By the Editor

A Presbyterian pastor writes as follows:

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"Yesterday my twelve-year-old daughter (seventh grade in school) come home and said to me, 'Daddy, our teacher said today, "We do not know whether the earth (including life on it) was created by evolution or by God." My daughter was puzzled. I am a Presbyterian minister and a fundamentalist. I have taught her to believe that the Bible is the divinely-inspired Word of God. The Bible says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." It says nothing about evolution.

"This particular teacher is a church member and I know that she is not an infidel. I think what she meant was not that we cannot be sure of the fact that God created the universe but that we cannot be sure of His method. In either case, she was raising in the minds of the children the question of whether the Bible tells the truth or not, and implying that science may differ with the Bible and be right.

"The second verse of Genesis says: 'And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.' There is nothing here to indicate how long this condition continued to exist. Therefore, God's act of creation may have been spread out over many centuries. However, the picture is not of man or any other animal or any plant developing upward from a lower form of life. Neither do I believe that there is any evidence as far back as historical records go (about 6,000 years) that there has been any change in any species of plant or animal.

"The thing that disturbs me is how can I, a Christian father, help my twelve-year-old girl to know what to believe when the schools cast doubt upon it? I hope you will have something to say in THE SWORD OF THE LORD about this. Perhaps other parents are bothered, too.

(Signed) Rev. John K. Walpole."

This pastor says that the teacher is not an infidel. But to all practical purposes anyone who says, "We do not know whether the earth (including life on it) was created by evolution or by God," is an infidel. Every parent with children in the public schools is likely to face this question. There will be high school teachers who do not know the facts or who have learned out-of-date theories now discredited by science, who would take delight in breaking down the faith of children. I hope my answer will be of some help. Every parent should take his serious responsibility to heart to see that his children are safeguarded against the wicked teaching of the enemies of the Bible in our schools.

### The Editor's Letter

November 14, 1949

Dear Brother Walpole:

You wrote me in September with a problem raised by unbelieving teachers of your twelve-year-old girl. Please forgive me, dear brother, for the delay in answering. I have simply been overwhelmed and my mail is stacked up.

I faced the same problem when my first daughter got into high school. I do not believe the answer is in simply meeting one question. I think you are going to have to go into the whole matter of the doctrine of evolution and direct creation and fill the mind of your daughter with convincing evidence.

When Grace, my eldest daughter, started to high school, I got her the book, *Evolution and the Facts of Science*, by Harry Rimmer, and saw that she read it thoroughly. I got *God and You*, or *Wonders of the Human Body*, by Dr. Arthur I. Brown. Then I took time to go over with her in detail some of the evidences of the scientific accuracy of the Bible,

such as given in the last half of my pamphlet on *Inspiration of the Bible and Scientific Accuracy of the Bible*. Note that this evidence is the last part of the pamphlet. I will send you a copy. I think your daughter should be plainly taught that there is a great tendency of rebellion against the Word of God by unspiritual and sometimes wicked people, but that she can know for sure that the Bible is true. I think you would do well to take time to read with your daughter, *Evolution and the Facts of Science*, show her that the evolutionists are not reliable, that they are not scientific, and that we must have a critical mind toward anything that pretends to discredit the Bible. And Harry Rimmer is such delightful reading that if you get her started on his work, you will find he has much evidence for a student. But I hope you will take time to carefully go into the book, *Evolution and the Facts of Science*, with her. We have the book for sale for \$1.50. I think *God and You*, or *Wonders of the Human Body* is also \$1.50.

Thank God, by constant prayer and teaching, I have kept my girls with their faith absolutely unshaken in the infallible Bible, and I am sure God will give you grace to do the same thing. There is evidence at hand, but it will take careful teaching and plenty of time answering the child's questions.

Summing up, I can say that the doctrine of evolution has far less in its favor than appeared to be true twenty-five years ago. Not only is Darwin and his natural selection discredited, but those

who believe in evolution simply cannot agree as to how they suppose evolution came about. They have absolutely no answer to the origin of matter, the origin of life, the gap between plants and animals, the gap between brutes and man, and the evolutionists' problem becomes more complex all the time, the more facts are discovered. For example, now the study of blood and the study of chromosomes have definitely proven beyond doubt that man did not descend from any known type of ape. So you can afford to be as emphatic as you please in saying that evolution is an unproven and unprovable guess, that one would be silly to take such guesses against the proven Word of God.

I will have sent you under separate cover the pamphlet, *Verbal Inspiration*. Why don't you read it to your daughter, with comments, and have her look up the Scriptures, at least the part on the *Scientific Accuracy of the Bible*?

Dear brother, I should be very happy to help anyway I can, and I pray God will make you faithful in saving the dear girl's life and confidence for God and His Word.

By the way, for your own reading but a little too heavy for your daughter as yet, I suggest two wonderful books, fully documented, by Byron Nelson, a Lutheran scientist and pastor. One is *After His Kind*, a remarkable scientific book which discredits evolution and will strengthen the faith of any Christian. The other is *The Deluge Story in Stone*, or the scientific evidence for the flood. The books are published by the Augsburg Press in Minneapolis, or you can buy them from us for \$2 each, and I think by all means you should have them in your library and be loaded to answer young Christians in high school and particularly in college, and to answer your own daughter.

In the Saviour's dear name, yours,

John R. Rice

## With the Evangelists

By the Editor

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enced in Jackson, Michigan, in the Ganson St. Baptist Church, of which Dr. Howard Sugden is the pastor.

"The Holy Spirit moved in a tremendous way. There was deep conviction throughout the services. The attendance was marvellous throughout. During the twelve nights of service souls were saved every service but one.

"Altogether there were 175 conversions of which I had record. I believe the final report will exceed that number. The closing Sunday 84 accepted Christ.

"Clyde Taylor was the song leader. He did a splendid work."

### John Brown University Sees Blessed Revival

Dr. Earl C. Smith, professor of Bible in John Brown University at Siloam Springs, Arkansas, writes:

"Dear Brother Rice:

"Because you are a very precious friend of mine and because I know that no man in America will be gladder to hear it, I want to tell you that we are having the greatest Thanksgiving on college hill that we have had at any time in the fourteen years that I have been here, for we have just had the greatest revival that I ever saw. The whole thing was led by students. A student, Philip Riggs, who has been saved less than three years, preached like a veteran evangelist. God's Spirit worked and many students and members of the faculty came weeping and confessing their sins and making restitution for wrongs done. There were about five hours of that sort of thing in one meeting. Many students were saved; perhaps two or three held out against the Lord. One member of our faculty said, 'Let us send out the word that you don't have to be a Christian to be admitted to John Brown University.' He meant that the more unsaved we could bring in the better the opportunity for evangelism. I know you will thank the Lord with us for this. I never

saw any thing quite like it before, and I've seen revivals.

Your in Christ,"

(Signed) Earl C. Smith

Dr. John E. Brown, Jr., president of John Brown University, says:

"History has been made here on our campus in the past week. For the first time in the lifetime of John Brown University a series of evangelistic meetings has been planned, organized, and carried out through the efforts of students.

"Our services have not been compulsory and we are exceedingly happy that the auditorium has been filled for every service. God has certainly been working wonders through our students, and especially through Phil Riggs.

"It is my opinion that we have reached a turning point in growth, not only materially but spiritually, in our school. It is my hope and prayer that the fires that have been kindled in the hearts of the faculty and students this past week may continue to burn throughout the school year, and that we shall experience the events of this time annually in the future."

### Evangelist Jon A. Pirtle Sees Over 100 Saved in Newport News, Virginia

We are happy to have a fine letter from Rev. J. Burdette Slicer, Jr., pastor of the Copeland Park Presbyterian Church, Newport News, Virginia. He tells of the blessed revival with Evangelist Jon A. Pirtle, and his pianist Marvin Brown. This young church prayed that there would be one hundred souls converted during the services. There were something over one hundred. Brother Slicer says about Evangelist Pirtle, "One of our conservative Presbyterian ministers remarked upon his special ability of 'drawing the net.' He is the kind of evangelist who would be accepted by all denominations in great union campaigns. His ear-

## How To Control Your Temper

A troubled Christian writes confessing to a bad temper and asking how to overcome this fault. The counsel given this Christian friend should help you also, and we give it here.

1. You must lay your whole life on the altar for God, being willing to be what He wants you to be and do what He wants you to do. There is no such thing as being victorious without being surrendered. If you are really surrendered to the will of God and willing to do what He wants you to do, then you have a right to ask His help.

2. You should set out to grow in grace by daily reading the Word of God. I suggest that you read several chapters a day, that you read it with earnest and loving attention and that you ask the blessed Holy Spirit to teach you God's Word. Jesus prayed for us Christians, "Sanctify them through thy truth. Thy Word is truth." In Acts 20:32 Paul said to the elders of Ephesus, "I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified." You see, the Word of God has a sanctifying influence that sets us apart for God and helps us to live to please Him.

Again, Psalm 119:9 says, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." These Scriptures clearly show that clean, consecrated holy living requires knowing, meditating on the Word of God. You can have the Christian character and strength you need if you take plenty of time with the Word of God and meditate on it continually.

3. You should have regular times of secret prayer, preferably each morning, perhaps more often than once a day. And when you pray, confess your sin. Particularly take pains to confess this fault of temper and a sharp tongue. In fact, every time you become conscious that you have done wrong in this matter you should go to God at once in your heart, honestly confessing that you have done wrong. First John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Notice that God will not only forgive the wrong but will cleanse us, that is, help to get us away from the sin. Here is an absolute promise of God; you should believe it and act on it.

4. One more thing is necessary to overcome this fault of temper and its results. When it causes

you to speak sharply to someone or mistreat someone, you must apologize to them. There is nothing that will do so much to overcome a fault as honest confession. That old carnal nature of yours will certainly get tired of having to "shell down the corn" and admit the sin of an ugly temper and unkind words and mistreatment of friends. So learn to say at once, "I am sorry! I should not have said that."

I suggest that you keep this letter at hand until you thoroughly memorize these five steps and you can have constant and daily victory over your temper, by God's grace.

In the Saviour's name, yours,  
John R. Rice

## OUR READERS SAY . . .

"I have taken THE SWORD many years. It keeps me fresh, gives me a greater knowledge of God's inspired, unalterable, unchangeable word."—Rev. Alfred Carnell

"By your writings a young minister has been changed from a post-millennialist, anti-missionary, foot-washing preacher to a pre-millennialist, missionary and evangelistic pastor."—Mr. & Mrs. Casper Lake

"I have heard how dope fiends wait for their dope to satisfy them; I have heard how a man dying of thirst in the desert waits for water; I have heard how a fellow feels when his sweetheart who has been away for years is coming home. So it is with me and THE SWORD OF THE LORD."—Rev. Joseph G. Burkner

"Your wonderful paper should be on the desk of every evangelistic preacher for his personal encouragement and help in ministering the Word."—Rev. Charles F. Robson

"I have used some \$200 worth of your kind of literature in the past year in my large downtown church here in Pittsburgh, and it has helped to revolutionize my pastoral work."—Rev. J. O. Gilbert

nestness and passion to win souls is indeed a striking characteristic. When he preaches God clothes him with power; people are held spell-bound. The content of his messages are Bible-centered, 'down-to-earth,' and heart-stirring."

Brother Jon A. Pirtle may be addressed at P. O. Box 4837, Atlanta, Georgia.

### Missionary James A. Savage Reports Over 1,000 Saved in Youth for Christ Services in South America in 18 Months

We were happy to have a good letter from Missionary James A. Savage of Casilla 691, Quito, Ecuador. He asks for 2,000 copies of the booklet, "What Must I do to Be Saved?" in Spanish, which we are glad to send, praying that God will use them. He reports that there have been over 1,000 professions of faith in the Youth for Christ services in the last eighteen months in his area, and that now he and others are to give full time to this work and they hope for much greater results. Pray for these missionaries and for the booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in Spanish which we are donating.

### Evangelist Lennard Darbee in Riverside Baptist Church, Decatur, Illinois

The Riverside Baptist Church, Decatur, Illinois, reports a good

revival with twenty-seven claiming Christ as Saviour, led by Evangelist Lennard Darbee. The pastor reports a deepened concern for prayer in the church as result of Brother Darbee's ministry.

### Evangelist Kenneth Chapman in Good Meetings

Evangelist Kenneth Chapman of 1235 N. St. Louis St., West Plains, Missouri, reports a blessed revival at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Grove Springs, Missouri, with many saved, and another good revival at Grace Baptist Church, Sheffield, Iowa. God bless our earnest brother.

### Dr. Harry G. Hamilton Available for Evangelism and Bible Teaching

Dr. Harry G. Hamilton, long pastor of the First Baptist Church of Buffalo, New York, before that of the Baptist Temple in Winona Lake, Indiana. Now, after some years of seminary teaching, he feels led to do evangelistic work and Bible teaching. This editor had good fellowship with Dr. Hamilton in our united, city-wide campaign in Buffalo, New York, a few years ago. He is a godly man of deep convictions, and sound Bible knowledge who we are glad to commend. He may be addressed:

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Fort Worth, Texas



# Explain "The Sun Stood Still"

By the Editor

A reader of THE SWORD OF THE LORD writes: "There is in Joshua 10:12-14 an account of the sun and moon standing still. This puzzles me. We believe that the earth revolves around its axis and the sun stands still. How do you explain this?"

Our answer is as follows:

Dear Brother Mueller:

I am glad to have your question and I believe I can answer it satisfactorily. The Scripture you refer to says:

"Then spake Joshua to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon. And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day."

—Joshua 10:12, 13

In the first place, the language here is the same kind of language that we use all the time. In literature, in all languages, we say, "The sun arose," or speak of "sundown," or "sunset," or we say that the "sun has passed the meridian" (middle of the sky), or we say, "The sun dropped beneath the horizon." I am a University graduate, former college teacher and editor, and that is the way I talk and everybody knows what I

mean. No one infers from such a statement that I do not know that the sun stands relatively still in our solar system and the planets revolve around it. It is not even inaccurate when I use such language; so we ought not count it inaccurate when we find simply understood language in the Bible.

But actually the Scripture is much more careful in this matter than we are. What Joshua commanded the sun was, "Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon." And then we are told, "And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed." That is, the sun stood still in its relation to Gibeon, on the horizon, and the moon stood still in relation to the valley of Ajalon. That is really accurate, scientific language. The sun kept exactly the same position with relation to Gibeon and the moon the same relation to the valley of Ajalon. In that sense, "the sun stood still, and the moon stayed." And it is very accurate language and does not contradict at all the scientific fact that the planets revolve around the sun and the moon around the earth.

Thank you for your inquiry.  
In the Saviour's name, yours,  
John R. Rice

## Repentance and Restitution

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formerly had transactions with the government and had taken advantage of them. This thing came up when he was converted and his conscience troubled him. He said, "I want to consecrate my wealth, but it seems as if God will not take it." He had a terrible struggle; his conscience kept rising up and smiting him. At last he drew a check for \$1,500 and sent it to the United States Treasury. He told me he received such a blessing when he had done it. That was bringing forth "fruits meet for repentance." I believe a great many men are crying to God for light and they are not getting it because they are not honest.

I was once preaching, and a man came to me who was only thirty-two years old, but whose hair was very grey. He said, "I want you to notice that my hair is grey, and I am only thirty-two years old. For twelve years I have carried a great burden."

"Well," I said, "What is it?"

He looked around as if afraid some one would hear him. "Well," he answered, "my father died and left my mother with the county newspaper, and left her only that: that was all she had. After he died the paper began to waste away; and I saw my mother was fast sinking into a state of need. The building and the paper were insured for a thousand dollars, and when I was twenty years old I set fire to the building and obtained the thousand dollars, and gave it to my mother. For twelve years that sin has been haunting me. I have tried to drown it by indulgence in pleasure and sin; I have cursed God; I have gone into infidelity; I have tried to make out that the Bible is not true; I have done everything I could; but all these years I have been tormented."

I said, "There is a way out of that."

He inquired, "How?"

I said, "Make restitution. Let us sit down and calculate the interest, and then you pay the company the money."

It would have done you good

to see that man's face light up when he found there was mercy for him. He said he would be glad to pay back the money and interest if he could only be forgiven.

There are men today who are in darkness and bondage because they are not willing to turn from their sins and confess them; and I do not know how a man can hope to be forgiven if he is not willing to confess his sins.

Bear in mind that now is the only day of mercy you will ever have. You can repent now and have the awful record blotted out. God waits to forgive you; He is seeking to bring you to Himself. But I think the Bible teaches clearly that there is no repentance after this life. There are some who tell you of the possibility of repentance in the grave; but I do not find that in Scripture. I have looked my Bible over very carefully, and I cannot find that a man will have another opportunity of being saved.

Why should he ask for any more time? You have time enough to repent now. You can turn from your sins this moment if you will. God says: "I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth . . . wherefore turn . . . and live ye" (Ezek. 18:32).

Christ said He "came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Are you a sinner? Then the call to repent is addressed to you. Take your place in the dust at the Saviour's feet and acknowledge your guilt. Say, like the publican of old, "God be merciful to me a sinner," and see how quickly He will pardon and bless you. He will even justify you and reckon you as righteous, by virtue of the righteousness of Him who bore your sins in His own body on the cross.

There are some perhaps who think themselves righteous and that, therefore, there is no need for them to repent and believe the Gospel. They are like the Pharisee in the parable who thanked God that he was not as other men—"extortioners, unjust adulterers, or even as this publican;"

and who went on to say, "I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all I possess." What is the judgment about such a self-righteous person? "I tell you, this man [the poor, contrite, repenting publican] went down to his house justified rather than the other" (Luke 18:11-14). "There is none righteous; no, not one." "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:10, 23). Let no one say he does not need to repent. Let each one take his true place—that of a sinner; then God will lift him up to the place of forgiveness and justification. "Whoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted" (Luke 14:2).

Wherever God sees true repentance in the heart, He meets that soul.

I was in Colorado preaching the gospel some time ago, and I heard something that touched my heart very much. The governor of the State was passing through the prison, and in one cell he found a boy who had his window full of flowers that seemed to have been watched with very tender care. The governor looked at the prisoner, and then at the flowers, and asked whose they were.

"These are my flowers," said the poor convict.

"Are you fond of flowers?"

"Yes, sir."

"How long have you been here?"

He told him so many years; he was in for a long sentence.

The governor was surprised to find him so fond of flowers, and he said, "Can you tell me why you like these flowers so much?"

With much emotion he replied, "While my mother was alive she thought a good deal of flowers; and when I came here I thought if I had these they would remind me of mother."

The governor was so pleased that he said, "Well, young man, if you think so much of your mother, I think you will appreciate your liberty," and he pardoned him then and there.

When God finds that beautiful flower of true repentance springing up in a man's heart, then salvation comes to that man.

### My Decision for D. L. Moody's Saviour

Some unconverted sinner has read this sermon by D. L. Moody. To you, whether you are in the church or out of the church, the editor addresses the appeal. Will you now repent of your sins, honestly turn your heart away from them and depend on Christ to forgive you and save you today? God loves you. Christ died for you. If you will turn from your sins in your heart and honestly depend upon Jesus, risk Him, trust Him, He will save you today. Remember that He said, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). If you will trust Him this moment, with all your heart, He will save you. Will you do it now?

If you will honestly repent in your heart and take Christ as your Saviour, I beg you to tell Him so now; then sign your name to the statement below, copy it in a letter and mail it to me at once. I will write you a letter of counsel and encouragement. Do it today!

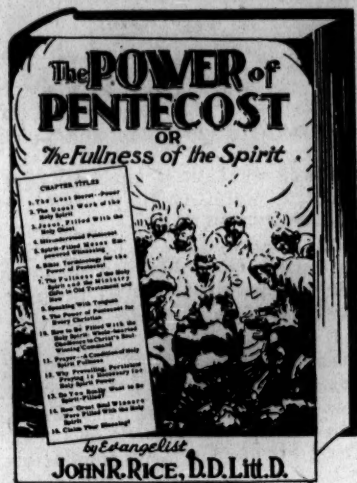
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Dear Brother Rice:

I have read D. L. Moody's sermon on "Repentance and Restitution." I realize that I am a poor, lost sinner. As honestly as I know how, I admit my sinfulness and turn my heart away from my sin. Here and now I will open my heart to Christ, will trust Him to forgive me and save me. I give myself to Him forever and depend on Him for everlasting life. I write this to claim Him, and by His help I expect to live for Him.

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